

REMARKS

In the Official Action mailed on **April 5, 2004** the Examiner reviewed claims 1-4, 6-14, 16-24, and 26-30. Claims 1, 11, and 21 were objected to because of informalities. Claims 1, 11, and 21 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Windhouwer et al. (“Acoi: A System for Indexing Multimedia Objects”, November 1999, hereinafter “Windhouwer”) further in view of Claussen et al. (USPN 6,675,354 B1, hereinafter “Claussen”), further in view of Massarani (USPN 6,336,117 B1, hereinafter “Massarani”). Claims 2-3, 12-13, and 22-23 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Windhouwer, further in view of Claussen, further in view of Massarani, further in view of Nielsen (USPN 5,899,975, hereinafter “Nielsen”). Claims 4, 14, and 24 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Windhouwer, further in view of Claussen, further in view of Massarani, further in view of Burrows (USPN 6,067,543, hereinafter “Burrows”). Claims 6, 16, and 26 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Windhouwer, further in view of Claussen, further in view of Massarani, further in view of Imanaka (USPN 5,471,677, hereinafter “Imanaka”). Claims 7, 17 and 27 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Windhouwer, further in view of Claussen, further in view of Massarani. Claims 8, 18 and 28 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Windhouwer, further in view of Claussen, further in view of Massarani, further in view of Messerly et al. (USPN 6,076,051, hereinafter “Messerly”), hereinafter Messerly. Claims 9, 19 and 29 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Windhouwer, further in view of Claussen, further in view of Swift (USPN 5,710,978, hereinafter “Swift”). Claims 10, 20 and 30 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Windhouwer, further in view of Claussen, further in view of Massarani, further in view of Vora et al. (USPN 5,819,273, hereinafter “Vora”).

Objections to the claims

Claims 1, 11, and 21 were objected to because of informalities.

Applicant has amended independent claims 1, 11, and 21 to correct the typographical errors noted by the Examiner. No new matter has been added.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

Independent claims 1, 11, and 21 were rejected as being unpatentable over Windhouwer, further in view of Claussen, further in view of Massarani. Applicant respectfully points out that combined system of Windhouwer, Claussen, and Massarani teaches a **single tokenizing procedure** for tokenizing a document (see Claussen, FIG. 3, Abstract, and in col. 5, line 45 to col. 6, line 6). Although Claussen mentions tokenizing instructions which are JSP or ASP symbols, these symbols are tokenized within a single tokenizing procedure. Claussen never suggests applying a first tokenizing procedure to a first portion of the document and applying a second tokenizing procedure to a second portion of the document. The fact that Claussen (at col. 5, line, 61) tests whether the token value is a “known JSP (or ASP)” symbol does not imply that a JSP test is applied to a first portion of the document and an ASP test is applied to a second portion of the document. Nowhere does Claussen imply that different portions of the document are tokenized using different tokenizing procedures.

In contrast, the present invention is directed to specifying a **plurality of tokenizing procedures** within an index stylesheet for tokenizing a plurality of portions of the document (see page 9, lines 9-15 of the instant application). This is beneficial because it facilitates tokenizing different portions of the document **using different tokenizing procedures**. These different portions of the document may be, for example, in different languages or from different domains. In this way, a first portion of the document can be tokenized using a first tokenizing procedure, and a second portion of the document can be tokenized using a second tokenizing procedure. There is nothing within Windhouwer, Claussen, or Massarani, either separately or in concert, which suggests specifying a plurality of tokenizing procedures within an index stylesheet for tokenizing a plurality of different portions of the document.

Accordingly, Applicant has amended independent claims 1, 11, and 21 to clarify that the present invention claims specifying a plurality of tokenizing procedures within an index

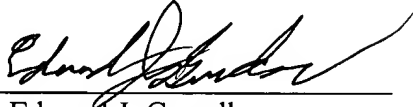
stylesheet for tokenizing a plurality of portions of the document. These amendments find support on page 9, lines 9-15 of the instant application.

Hence, Applicant respectfully submits that independent claims 1, 11, and 21 as presently amended are in condition for allowance. Applicant also submits that claims 2-4 and 6-10, which depend upon claim 1, claims 12-14 and claims 16-20, which depend upon claim 11, and claims 22-24 and 26-30, which depend upon claim 21 are for the same reasons in condition for allowance and for reasons of the unique combinations recited in such claims.

CONCLUSION

It is submitted that the present application is presently in form for allowance. Such action is respectfully requested.

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